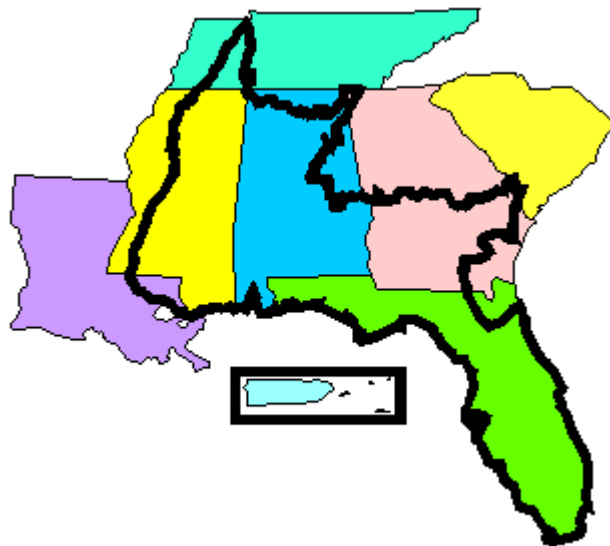


SOUTHEAST COASTAL PLAIN and CARIBBEAN MLRA SOIL SURVEY REGION #15

FISCAL YEAR 2005 BUSINESS PLAN



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PURPOSE

The purpose of this business plan is to provide program application information for fiscal year (FY) 2005 to managers, staff, and National Cooperative Soil Survey (NCSS) customers. We shall endeavor to work closely with stakeholders of the Major Land Resource Area (MLRA) Soil Survey Region (SSR) 15, to maintain common understanding and provide a cooperative working knowledge of the FY-2005 business plan objectives and directives. This business plan identifies objectives, goals and actions to facilitate production, development, operation and distribution of a quality soil survey program throughout the MLRA-SSR 15.

Major Land Resource Area - Soil Survey Region 15 Vision and Mission Statements

Vision

Maintain a state of the art soil survey that meets customer expectations.

Mission

Provide technical leadership and support in the production, quality assurance and delivery of scientifically based soil survey information in MLRA-Soil Survey Region Office 15.

Partnership Quality Policy

We are committed to providing our customers with quality service through effective communication, professional integrity, and mutual respect.

Partnership Guiding Principles

Customers
Leadership
Partnership
Soil resources
Integrity
Cost-effectiveness
Quality
Communication
Teamwork
Creativity
Accountability

We shall

- Build trust by treating MLRA-SSR 15 clients, members and colleagues with integrity, honesty, fairness, and respect.
- Provide a work environment that encourages all employees to develop professionally and apply their discipline skills, talents and creativity.
- Coordinate MLRA-SSR 15 work with all the people who have an interest in the outcome.
- Explore opportunities that add value to achievement of MLRA-SSR 15 partnership goals.
- Continuously improve MLRA- SSR 15 workload processes to increase efficiency, enhance customer satisfaction, and promote teamwork.
- Apply science-based technology for continued enhancement of technical quality of MLRA- SSR 15 products and services.
- Maintain excellence in professional ethics and responsibility for MLRA-SSR 15 program actions.
- Implement programs that are responsive, measurable and accountable to the public trust.
- Focus on adult and youth soil education and information programs that support the 2005 business plan strategies.
- Provide educational methodology training for all staff and members of the Regional Soil Survey Partnership (RSSP).
- Provide outreach assistance through soil survey efforts

QUALITY ASSURANCE and PUBLICATION ACTIVITIES

Objective I

Produce quality soil survey products with a high level of technical accuracy that meet MLRA-SSR 15 client needs.

Goal 1

Conduct progress field reviews and field assistance visits

PROGRESS REVIEWS

	WHO	WHEN
Henry and Benton Counties, TN	Anderson	10/18-22/04
Greene and Wayne Counties, TN	Martin/Thornton	11/01-04/2004
San German Area, PR	Brannon/Lugo	03/21-25/2005
Washington County, FL	Martin/Page	07/18-22/2005
Bibb County, AL	Martin/Langlinais	08/22-26/2005
Henry and Benton Counties, TN	Anderson	09/12-16/2005

FIELD ASSISTANCE

	WHO	WHEN
Gadsden County, FL	Brannon	12/06-08/2004
Washington County, AL	Martin/Page	02/28-03/03/2005
Bibb County, AL	Martin/Langlinais	03/07-09/2005
Henry and Benton Counties, TN	Anderson	04/25-29/2005
Greene and Wayne Counties, MS	Martin/Thornton	05/02-04/2005

FINAL FIELD REVIEW

	WHO	WHEN
Crenshaw County, AL	Martin/Mason	02/14-17/2005

QUALITY ASSURANCE and PUBLICATION ACTIVITIES

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Goal 2

Conduct Field Correlation Conference

ACTION ITEMS	WHO	Dates
Leake County, MS	Martin/Brass	05/23-26/2005
Clay and Quitman Counties, GA	Brannon/Monroe	11/29-12/03/04
Crenshaw County, AL	Martin/Mason	08/22-26/2005

Goal 3

Provide quality assurance review of manuscript

ACTION ITEMS	WHO	Dates
Manuscripts for Quality Assurance Review		
Clarke County, AL	Martin	Feb. 2005
Decatur County, GA	Brannon	Apr. 2005
Crenshaw County, AL	Martin	May 2005
Clay and Quitman Counties, GA	Brannon	Jun. 2005
Randolph County, GA	Brannon	Jun. 2005
Leake County, MS	Martin	Aug. 2005
Suwannee County, FL	Brannon	Sep. 2005
Hale County, AL	Martin	Dec. 2005
Manuscript-in-State 10% Check	Completion Date	Due to MO Date
Decatur County, GA	Brannon	Feb. 2005
Clay and Quitman Counties, GA	Brannon	Apr. 2005
Suwannee County, FL	Brannon	Sep. 2005
Stone County, MS	Martin	TBD
Winston County, MS	Martin	TBD
Liberty County, FL	Brannon	TBD

QUALITY ASSURANCE and PUBLICATION ACTIVITIES

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Goal 4

Provide English edits and typesetting of soil survey manuscripts.

ACTION ITEMS	WHO	Dates
Jackson County, MS	Achen	TBD; not yet received for English edit
Clarke County, AL	Achen	TBD; not yet received for English edit
Decatur County, GA	Achen	TBD; not yet received for English edit
Randolph County, GA	Achen	TBD; not yet received for English edit
Hale County, AL	Achen	TBD; not yet received for English edit
Clay and Quitman Counties, GA	Achen	TBD; not yet received for English edit
Crenshaw County, AL	Achen	TBD; not yet received for English edit

Goal 5

Prepare historical replica CD's for published soil surveys.

ACTION ITEMS	WHO	Dates
Cleburne County, AL	Achen	Sep. 2005
Holmes County, FL	Achen	Sep. 2005
Walton County, FL	Achen	Sep. 2005
Marion County, FL	Achen	Sep. 2005
Calhoun County, FL	Achen	Sep. 2005
Forsyth County, GA	Achen	Sep. 2005
Lamar-Pike-Upson, Ga	Achen	Sep. 2005
Evangeline Parish, LA	Achen	Sep. 2005
Clay County, MS	Achen	Sep. 2005

PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES

Objective II

Effectively distribute information about the soil survey program to both MLRA-SSR 15, internal and external customers.

Goal 1

Create awareness of the soils program and gain support from a diversity of current and potential users of soil data.

ACTION ITEMS	WHO	Dates
Assist in development and production of biannual newsletter.	Achen and MLRA Staff	Biannual

SOIL SURVEY DATABASE MAINTENANCE

Objective III

Maintain a complete soils database for the MLRA region 15, and workforce trained in the use of NASIS.

Goal 1

Utilize NASIS soil database in the SSR-15 for ongoing projects.

ACTION ITEMS	WHO	Dates
1. Visit project offices for NASIS assistance and training	Anderson	Sept. 2005
2. Assist MO states to populate/update quality NASIS data	Anderson	Sept. 2005
3. Continue evaluation and improvement of NASIS interpretations	Anderson	Sept. 2005
4. Assist MO states with edits of STATSGO data in NASIS	Anderson	Sept. 2005
5. Provide QA of STATSGO spatial and attribute data for MO-15	Anderson	Sept. 2005
6. Sponsor NASIS Basic Training course	Anderson	Sept. 2005

SOIL SURVEY DIGITIZING

Objective IV

Provide digital soil surveys for distribution within Soil Survey Region 15.

Goal 1

Perform soil business activities as part of Soil Survey Digitizing initiative, and in support of other MO-15 region projects.

COUNTY, STATE	FUND YEAR	COUNTY, STATE	FUND YEAR
Chambers	2004	Pierce, GA	2005
Chilton	2005	Ben Hill/Irwin	2005
Clarke	2004	Clark/Oconee	2004
Clay	2004	Schley/Sumter	2004
Conecuh	2005	Clay/Quitman	2005
Coosa	2004	St. Helena, LA	2005
Cullman	2004	Washington	2005
Dallas	2005	Benton, MS	2005
Escambia	2004	Calhoun	2005
Fayette	2005	Chickasaw	2005
Franklin	2004	Choctaw	2005
Greene	2005	Clarke	2005
Lawrence	2004	Itawamba	2005
Monroe	2005	Jasper	2005
Randolph	2004	Jefferson	2005
Sumter	2005	Jones	2005
Baker, FL	2005	Kemper	2005
Charlotte	2005	Lawrence	2005
Leon	2005	Tippah	2005
Okaloosa	2005	Tishomingo	2005
Taylor	2005	Walthall	2005
Bullock, GA	2005	Webster	2005
Dougherty	2005	Yalobusha	2005
Fulton	2005	Hardin	2005
Jenkins	2004		

*Florida – Madison, Suwannee, and Union counties removed from digitizing initiative

SOIL SURVEY DIGITIZING

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Goal 2

Conduct a 10% quality assurance review of soil survey map compilation sheets and SSURGO review from projects within the MO region.

ACTION ITEMS

Clark County, AL
Colbert County, AL
Cullman County, AL
Elmore County, AL
Escambia County, AL
Franklin County, AL
Lauderdale County, AL
Lawrence County, AL
Lee County, AL
Marion County, AL
Marshall County, AL
Morgan County, AL
Desoto County, FL
Dixie County, FL
Highlands County, FL
Jackson County, FL
Lee County, FL
Martin County, FL
Polk County, FL
Sumter County, FL

ACTION ITEMS

Suwannee County, FL
St. Lucie County, FL
Jenkins County, GA
Calhoun & Early Counties, GA
Chandler, Evans & Tattnall Co's, GA
Colquitt & Cook Counties, GA
Lee & Terrell Counties, GA
Montgomery, Toombs & Wheeler Co's, GA
Randolph County, GA
Schley & Sumter Counties, GA
Washington & Wilkinson Counties, GA
St. Tammany Parish, LA
Tangipahoa Parish, LA
Clay County, MS
Monroe County, MS
Neshoba County, MS
Humacao Area, PR (e)
Monroe County, MS
Carroll County, TN
Chester County, TN

COOPERATIVE SOIL SURVEY OPERATIONS and RESEARCH

Objective V

Involve cooperators within the National Cooperative Soil Survey Program in all soil survey activities.

Goal 1

Initiate MLRA region-wide research and training

ACTION ITEMS

	WHO	Dates
1. Coordinate and implement soil water study	Brannon	Mar. 2005
2. Coordinate marl study in Florida	Brannon	Mar. 2005
3. Coordinate isohyperthermic and hypothermic studies	Brannon	Mar. 2005

Objective VI

Improve external and internal customer service, and timely delivery of information and products in the region.

Goal 1

Assist in MO-15 Board of Directors in deploying new technology to help facilitate all soil survey activities.

ACTION ITEMS

	WHO	Dates
1. Attend MO leaders Winter meeting in South Carolina	Love	Feb.2005
2. Attend SS and SDQS meeting in Laughlin, NV	Love/SDQS	1/31-2/4/2005
3. Attend NCSS Planning Conference in Corpus Christi, TX	Love	5/23-27/2005
4. Attend joint MOs 13, 14,15,16,18 Bd. Of Directors meeting	Bd. members	5/26/2005
5. Serve on National Web Soil Survey Publication team	Achen	FY-2005
6. Attend MO Leaders Summer meeting	Love	6/28-30/2005
7. Serve on Nat'l Soil Survey Schedule Analysis and Design team	Love	FY-2005

COOPERATIVE SOIL SURVEY OPERATIONS and RESEARCH

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Objective VII

Effectively carry out Civil Rights and an Outreach Program in Soil Survey.

Goal 1

Assist states leadership management teams in the development and implementation of civil rights plans that deal with key issues in the region and working together as a team to solve them.

ACTION ITEMS

	WHO	Dates
1. Assist in the identification of the under served communities and assist the communities to obtain needed information provided by the outreach efforts in individual states in the region.	Love	Sept. 2005
2. Work closely with field staff to make sure that the Civil Rights statement is used in our overall soil survey program when soils information is provided to our customers.	Love	Sept. 2005
3. Assist state leadership teams in developing a staffing plan that meets the needs and makeup for the soil survey project offices in the region.	Love	Sept. 2005

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LSU – Louisiana State University
MSU – Mississippi State University
UT – University of Tennessee

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SS – Soil Scientist

SSPL – Soil Survey Party Leader

MLRA PL – Major Land Resource Area Party Leader